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H. R. 4194

To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ALEXANDER CREEK VILLAGE RECOGNITION.**

4 The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
5 1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 43. ALEXANDER CREEK VILLAGE RECOGNITION.**

2 “(a) RECOGNITION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDER
3 CREEK.—Subject to the limitations of this section and
4 notwithstanding section 1432(d) of the Alaska National
5 Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96–487) to
6 the contrary, Alexander Creek, located within Township
7 15N, Range 7W, Seward Meridian, Alaska, is and shall
8 be recognized as an eligible Native village under section
9 11(b)(3) of this Act.

10 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
11 the following terms apply:

12 “(1) The term ‘agency’ includes—

13 “(A) any instrumentality of the United
14 States;

15 “(B) any element of an agency; and

16 “(C) any wholly owned or mixed-owned
17 corporation of the United States Government
18 identified in chapter 91 of title 31, United
19 States Code.

20 “(2) The term ‘Alexander Creek’ means Alex-
21 ander Creek Incorporated, an Alaska Native Group
22 corporation, organized pursuant to this Act.

23 “(3) The term ‘Region’ means Cook Inlet Re-
24 gion Incorporated, an Alaska Native Regional Cor-
25 poration, which is the appropriate Regional Corpora-

1 tion for Alexander Creek under section 1613(h) of
2 this Act.

3 “(c) ORGANIZATION OF ALEXANDER CREEK.—As
4 soon as practicable after enactment of this section, Alex-
5 ander Creek shall cause to be filed—

6 “(1) any amendments to its corporate charter
7 in the State of Alaska necessary to convert from a
8 Native group to a Native Village corporation; and

9 “(2) if necessary, any amendments to its cor-
10 porate charter and governing business documents
11 that fulfill the terms of the agreement authorized
12 under this Act.

13 “(d) AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION TO NEGOTIATE.—
14 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
15 of this section, the Secretary shall open discussions and
16 subsequently negotiate and, in the Secretary’s sole discre-
17 tion on behalf of the United States, enter into an agree-
18 ment by December 31, 2012, with the Native Village Cor-
19 poration of Alexander Creek (hereinafter, ‘Alexander
20 Creek’) to settle aboriginal land claims and any other
21 claims of such Native Village Corporation against the
22 United States fairly, reaching an agreement in approxi-
23 mate parity with those of other Alaska Native Village Cor-
24 porations, notwithstanding Alexander Creek’s prior status
25 as a Group Corporation.

1 “(e) SHAREHOLDER PARTICIPATION.—Alexander
2 Creek shall notify each member of the Native village rec-
3 ognized under this section that, upon the effective date
4 of this section, such members shall cease to receive bene-
5 fits from the Region as at-large shareholders pursuant to
6 section 7(m), and that all future resource payments from
7 the Region shall be made to the Village Corporation pur-
8 suant to section 7(j). The Region shall not be liable under
9 any State, Federal, or local law, or under State or Federal
10 common law, for damages arising out of or related to the
11 cessation of payments to such individuals under section
12 7(m) pursuant to this section.

13 “(f) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
14 section shall be construed to—

15 “(1) limit, alter, violate, breach, or otherwise
16 affect the rights of any party under a contract, set-
17 tlement agreement, or land exchange entered into
18 prior to enactment of this section between Alexander
19 Creek and any party, or one or more parties to any
20 contract, settlement, agreement, or land exchange
21 predicated upon Alexander Creek’s Native village
22 status under this Act; or

1 “(2) diminish or reduce the acreage entitlement
2 to which Alexander Creek became entitled to as a
3 Group Corporation.”.

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